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FM AMCONSUL ZANZIBAR

TO QUARANTINE DIVISION, BUREAU OF EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER

FOR DISEASE CONTROL, ATLANTA GEORGIA

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 1371

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO

AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMEMBASSY KIGALI

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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SUBJ: OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN TANZANIA; ZANZIBAR

REF: DAR 1659 AND PREVIOUS

1. CHOLERA SITUATION IN ZANZIBAR APPARENTLY UNDER CONTROL
GOVERNMENT STILL STRICTLY ENFORCING QUARANTINE: COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS
HAVE NOT BEEN RESUMED AND MOVEMENT BETWEEN TOWN AND COUNTRY-
SIDE CONTINUES TO BE PROHIBITED. HOWEVER, SOME SHIPS HAVE UNLOADED
CARGO AND SAILED AWAY: CHARTER PLANES BRINGING ZANZIBAR RESIDENTS,
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MEDICINES, SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO LAND: TOURISTS AND
ZANZIBAR RESIDENTS WITH GOOD REASON FOR NEEDING TO GET ON
MAINLAND HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE ON CHARTER PLANE: MILITARY
PLANES HAVE LANDED: PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED TO FEW OFFICIALS
OF MIN OF AG TO TRAVEL TO COUNTRYSIDE IN ORDER TO BUY PRODUCE
FROM FARMERS TO SELL TO TOWNS PEOPLE, TO TAKE FEED AND WATER
TO GOVERNMENT DAIRY FARMS AND TO BRING MILK IN TO DAILY. SOME

HEALTH OFFICIALS ALSO TRAVELLING IN COUNTRYSIDE TO DETERMINE
EXTENT OF CHOLERA THERE, DISTRIBUTE MEDICINES, ETC.

2. NUMBER OF DEATHS PER DAY DECREASING. GOVERNMENT STATES 32
PERSONS HAVE DIES FROM CHOLERA IN ZANZIBAR. PATIENTS CONTINUE
TO BE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL, BUT HOSPITAL NOW RELEASING CHOLERA
PATIENTS WHO HAVE RECOVERED.

3. TO DATE, NO INTERNATIONAL MAIL HAS LEFT THE ISLAND OR BEEN
RECEIVED SINCE THE QUARANTINE WAS PUT INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 12.
NO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MAINLAND SINCE APRIL
10 (ZANZIBAR PUBLISHES TO NEWSPAPERS ITSELF). THUS TELEVISION
AND RADIO HAVE BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN USUAL AS MEDIUM FOR
DISPENSING NEWS, INFORMATION IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY ABOUT
THE CHOLERA ON ZANZIBAR. ZANZIBAR SEEMS TO BE USING ITS
TELEVISION EFFECTIVELY TO BROADCAST SPEECHES BY TANZANIAN
VICE PRESIDENT/ZANZIBAR PRESIDENT ABOUD JUMBE, THE MINISTER
OF HEALTH AND OTHERS. THESE PERSONS HAVE EXPLAINED THE
SITUATION, DISCUSSED PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN,
SYMPTOMS OF THE DISEASE AND WHAT HAPPENS TO A PERSON WHO
CONTACTS IT, GOVERNMENT STEPS TO CONTAIN AND CONTROL THE
DISEASE, THE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE
QUARANTINE, ETC.

4. UNUSUALLY HEAVY RAINS THIS MONTH AND SERIOUS ELECTRICAL
OUTAGES HAVE ADDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S PROBLEM.
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